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State Auditor Susan Montee
Room 121, State Capitol
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Dear Auditor Montee:

The December 12 deadline by which I sought a response from you has passed. Regrettably, you have failed to assist me in my investigation to determine who on Attorney General Nixon's staff is accountable for the misleading and untruthful statements made to the Auditor's office in 2006 about Nixon's use of his state car.

You have said that Nixon's office falsely "represented" that Attorney General Nixon was only using his taxpayer-funded vehicle for official purposes. We now know this representation was not true and that Nixon had been using his state car for his political campaign for at least three years.

The Auditor's office interviewed Nixon's staff during the 2006 audit of his office. It is important that you immediately identify the Nixon staff members responsible for misrepresenting information to the State Auditor so that I may inquire further of them regarding the extent of Nixon's use of state resources for his campaign.

This is a very serious matter. As you are well aware it is against Missouri law (Section 29.250 RSMo) to withhold information from state auditors.

I posed my request to you in hopes that I would be spared the use of other more intrusive legal processes. If you will not assist me as the State of Missouri's Auditor by December 21st, I will seek another method of obtaining the information I have requested.

I sincerely hope you would not attempt to shield from the public the identities of those on Nixon's staff who are responsible for this attempted cover-up.

I would appreciate your prompt response to this inquiry.

Sincerely,



Michael N. Keathley
Commissioner